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SUMMARY: ON 23 APRIL H.E. MARIO RUIVO OF THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION CONVENED A MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN STATES TO HAVE QUOTE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS RELATED TO THE FUTURE CONVENTION END QUOTE. ALTHOUGH LISTENING WITH INTEREST THE US JOINED WITH THE USSR IN ATTEMPTING TO DISCOURAGE THE CHAIRMAN FROM HOLDING A SERIES OF MEETINGS ON THIS QUESTION, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH SEEMED TO BE AIMED TOWARD CONCERTED ACTION IN THE FORM OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, CONVENTION ARTICLES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRINCIPAL UN BODIES. END SUMMARY.

1. THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE CHAIRMAN PRESENTING A SIX-PAGE SPEECH ON THE ADEQUACY OF PRESENT INTERNATIONAL
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AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING A LOS

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CONVENTION. THE THRUST OF HIS STATEMENT WAS THE CRITICAL REVIEW OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WAS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY CONFLICTS OF COMPETENCE AND INEFFICIENCIES WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS. THE CHAIRMAN FURTHER PROVIDED AN ANNOTATED TABLE OF REFERENCES IN THE SNT TO INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OR MECHANISMS.

2. ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT (WHICH INCLUDED US, UK, FRANCE, JAPAN, USSR, AUSTRALIA, YUGOSLAVIA, BULGARIA (AMB. YANKOV), BRAZIL, ALGERIA AND TUNISIA) CONGRATULATED THE CHAIRMAN ON HIS INITIATIVE BUT EXPRESSED A CONSENSUS THAT THE SUBJECT WAS FULL OF COMPLEXITIES. FRANCE SUGGESTED THAT A NEW BODY MIGHT BE NEEDED TO KEEP THE LAW OF THE SEA UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW. THIS IDEA WAS OPPOSED BY ALL DELEGATIONS WHO SPOKE.

3. THE CHAIR IN SUMMARIZING THE DISCUSSION INDICATED THAT IN HIS CONSIDERATION A SECOND MEETING HERE IN NEW YORK WOULD BE USEFUL WITH A VIEW TO GENEVA AND A CONTINUING DISCUSSION CLEARLY WITH THE VIEW IN MIND THAT BY THEN THE RUIVO GROUP WOULD HAVE TAKEN ON A CERTAIN STATUS. THE US AND USSR INDICATED STRONG RESERVATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ANY FUTURE MEETINGS. THE US MADE THE POINT THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT NOT ONLY WITHIN THE DELEGATION PRESENT IN NY BUT ALSO WITH INTERESTED OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ON SOME OF THE CHAIRMAN'S IDEAS. BECAUSE OF THIS THERE WOULD CERTAINLY BE NO TIME FOR FURTHER MEETINGS THIS SESSION.

4. CHAIRMAN RUIVO INDICATED THAT HE STILL FELT SOME DELEGATIONS MIGHT WANT TO MEET AGAIN AND HE WOULD CHECK BACK LATER IN THE SESSION. IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT RUIVO WILL BE ABLE TO ASSEMBLE A GROUP AGAIN THIS SESSION AND THE US WILL NOT ENCOURAGE HIM IN ANY ATTEMPTS TO DO SO.

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